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## **Computer Crimes Unit 2004 Activity**

The Washington State Patrol Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) provides computer forensics, technical support, and training to local law enforcement. Unit personnel investigate a wide range of computer related criminal activity to include homicides, assaults, child abuse, child pornography, and theft.

The Computer Crimes Unit opened 84 cases and closed 70 cases in 2004 with a median cycle time of 108 days. Seventy-five percent of all cases investigated by CCU supported local law enforcement, while 25 percent supported the Washington State Patrol. The unit analyzed 127 computers and 153 hard drives in 2004. The total gigabytes analyzed by the unit were 3,520, a 40 percent increase since 2000.

The need for computer forensic support of criminal investigations continues to increase exponentially due to the increase use of computers and technology in individual's everyday lives.

More information regarding the Computer Crimes Unit can be obtained by calling Lieutenant Marc Lamoreaux, at (360) 753-0315, ext. 102.

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